

**Minutes for the Ninth Meeting of the Group on Legal Aspects under Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers held on 09.03.2017 at New Delhi.**

The Ninth meeting of the Group on Legal Aspects under Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers was held at New Delhi on 09.03.2017 at 11:00 hrs. The meeting was chaired by Shri A.D. Mohile, Former Chairman, CWC and Chairman of the Group. At the outset, the Chairman of the Group welcomed all the Members and Invitees and others participants. He mentioned that third draft report prepared by NWDA taking into account the views expressed in the Eighth Meeting held on 23.2.2017 was circulated on 06.03.2017. Members may like to go through the draft report quickly and finalise the report. Later, Shri K.P. Gupta, Director (Technical), NWDA took up the Agenda Items. The list of the participants is enclosed at Annex-I.

**Item No. 9.1: Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Group on Legal Aspects under Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017 at New Delhi.**

The minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Group on Legal Aspects under Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017 at New Delhi were circulated to all the Members vide letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017. After deliberation, the Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Group on legal aspects held on 23.02.2017 were confirmed by the Group as no comments were received.

**Item No 9.2: Discussion on of Draft report of the Group on Legal Aspects.**

Shri K.P. Gupta, Director (Technical) placed before the Group the third draft of the complete report for discussion. Members first gone through newly added paras of 3.4.2 & 3.5. and suggested some modifications to make it more effective from the view point of inter basin water transfer. Prof. Avdhesh Pratap wanted to add some additional information, particularly of Supreme Court's recent judgement regarding SYL canal. Later minor corrections including typographical errors suggested by Prof. Avdhesh Pratap were made in the report.

One more para on "The importance of building consensus in regard to ILR" was added in the Section-IV relating to recommendations of the Group.

Members felt that one more meeting may be required to finalize and signing of the report.

**Item No. 9.3 Any other item (s) with permission of the chair**

It was decided to hold next meeting on 17.3.2017 so that the report can be finalised and submitted to the Chairman, Task Force at the earliest.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.